



Q4 2011 Hotspots

Mexico, Venezuela, Afghanistan / Pakistan, Colombia, Somali Waters, Gulf of Guinea Waters, Philippines, Sahel Region, Somalia Kenya, Iraq, DRC, Nigeria, Sudan/South Sudan, Yemen

Q3 2011 Hotspots

Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Afghanistan, Gulf of Guinea Waters, Somali Waters, Philippines, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia, DRC, Nigeria, Sudan and South Sudan, Sahel Region, Yemen



Current figures for number of foreigners abducted in Q4

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| (01) Mexico: ~10 / month               | (08) Sahel Region: 2 / month          |
| (02) Venezuela: 3 / month              | (09) Somalia / Kenya: 2 / month       |
| (03) Afghanistan/Pakistan: 3-4 / month | (10) Iraq: 1 / month                  |
| (04) Colombia: 2-3 / month             | (11) DRC: 0-1 / month                 |
| (05) Somali Waters: 13 / month         | (12) Nigeria: 0-1 / month             |
| (06) Gulf of Guinea Waters: 8 / month  | (13) Sudan / South Sudan: 0-1 / month |
| (07) Philippines: 2 / month            | (14) Yemen: 0-1 / month               |

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| Mexico   | rank 1 |
| Frequency of kidnaps: ~10 / month  |        |
| Total number taken in last reporting period: insufficient data                             |        |
| Average time in captivity: 2 days  |        |
| Currently in captivity: insufficient data  |        |
| Average ransom settlement: insufficient data   |        |
| <b>Comment</b>   |        |
| Situation deteriorates around Jalisco and Nayarit<br>Insecurity spreads over the US border |        |

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| Venezuela  | rank 2 |
| Frequency of kidnaps: 3 / month  |        |
| Total number taken in last reporting period: at least 3                        |        |
| Average time in captivity: 3 months +  |        |
| Currently in captivity: insufficient data                                      |        |
| Average ransom settlement: \$400,000 - \$1m                                    |        |
| <b>Comment</b>   |        |
| Express kidnapping remains common<br>Increasing involvement of Colombian gangs |        |

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| Afghanistan / Pakistan  | rank 3 |
| Frequency of kidnaps: 3-4 / month   |        |
| Total number taken in reporting period: 0   |        |
| Average known time in captivity: 3-9 months   |        |
| Currently in captivity: at least 4  |        |
| Average known settlement: \$300,000 - \$750,000   |        |
| <b>Comment</b>  |        |
| Traders and businessmen remain most targeted<br>Militant groups increasingly participating in kidnaps |        |

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| Colombia  | rank 4 |
| Frequency of kidnaps: ~2 / month  |        |
| Total number taken in last reporting period: at least 3                           |        |
| Average time in captivity: 6 months +   |        |
| Currently in captivity: at least 5  |        |
| Average ransom settlement: \$1m +   |        |
| <b>Comment</b>  |        |
| The FARC is increasingly isolated<br>International kidnap cases growing in number |        |

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| Somali Waters  | rank 5 |
| Ships taken: 0-1 / month   |        |
| Crew taken: 40 (13 / month)  |        |
| Currently in captivity: 327 crew; 15 ships   |        |
| Average detention period: Q4 285 days; 2011 169 days   |        |
| Average ransom settlement: Q4 \$6.5m; 2011 \$4.75m   |        |
| <b>Comment</b>   |        |
| Decline in attacks due to anti-pirate measures<br>Increase in ransom settlements and negotiation periods |        |

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| Gulf of Guinea Waters  | rank 6 |
| Ships taken: 0-1 / month   |        |
| Crew taken: 24 (8 / month)   |        |
| Currently in captivity: no crew or ships                                       |        |
| Average detention period: Q4 15 days; 2011 5 days                              |        |
| Average ransom settlement: insufficient data                                   |        |
| <b>Comment</b>   |        |
| Offshore Niger Delta kidnappings rise<br>Increasing precautions at sea pay off |        |

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| Philippines  | rank 7 |
| Frequency of kidnap: 2 / month   |        |
| Total number taken in last reporting period: 6   |        |
| Average time in captivity: 30 days   |        |
| Currently in captivity: 5  |        |
| Average ransom settlement: \$150,000   |        |
| <b>Comment</b>   |        |
| Southern Philippines poses highest risk<br>Abductions of integrated expatriates increasing |        |

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| Sahel Region   | rank 8 |
| Frequency of kidnaps: 2 / month  |        |
| Total number taken in last reporting period: 5   |        |
| Average time in captivity: 6 months  |        |
| Currently in captivity: 9  |        |
| Average ransom settlement: \$1m to \$6.5m  |        |
| <b>Comment</b>   |        |
| Returning Tuaregs present new kidnap risk in Sahel<br>Attacks from AQIM-affiliated criminal networks intensify |        |

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| Somalia/Kenya   | rank 9 |
| Frequency of kidnap: 2 / month  |        |
| Total number taken in last reporting period: 4                                  |        |
| Average time in captivity: 90 days (longest 900 days)                           |        |
| Currently in captivity: 9   |        |
| Average ransom settlement: \$250,000 - \$600,000                                |        |
| <b>Comment</b>  |        |
| Cross-border raids intensify<br>Aid workers in Kenya refugee camps at high risk |        |

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| Iraq   | rank 10 |
| Frequency of kidnaps: 1 / month  |         |
| Total number taken in last reporting period: none  |         |
| Average known time in captivity: 54 days (range 30-90)                                     |         |
| Currently in captivity: 5  |         |
| Average ransom settlement: insufficient data   |         |
| <b>Comment</b>   |         |
| Number of abductions has fallen<br>But insecurity expected to rise following US withdrawal |         |

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| DRC  | rank 11 |
| Frequency of kidnaps: 0-1 / month  |         |
| Total number taken in last reporting period: none  |         |
| Average time in captivity: 3-975 days  |         |
| Currently in captivity: 2  |         |
| Average ransom settlement: insufficient data   |         |
| <b>Comment</b>   |         |
| No kidnaps for Q4<br>But political uncertainty may cause increase in attacks in the east |         |

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| Nigeria   | rank 12 |
| Frequency of kidnaps: 0-1 / month   |         |
| Total number taken in last reporting period: 1                                    |         |
| Average time in captivity: 120-180 days   |         |
| Currently in captivity: none  |         |
| Average ransom settlement: \$28,000 - \$204,000                                   |         |
| <b>Comment</b>  |         |
| Reduced foreign kidnaps onshore Niger Delta<br>Increased kidnap risk in the north |         |

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| Sudan and South Sudan  | rank 13 |
| Frequency of kidnaps: 0-1 / month  |         |
| Total number taken in last reporting period: none                                  |         |
| Average time in captivity: 136 days (longest 147)                                  |         |
| Currently in captivity: none   |         |
| Average ransom settlement: insufficient data                                       |         |
| <b>Comment</b>   |         |
| No kidnaps for Q4 but increasing insecurity along border<br>Ongoing risk in Darfur |         |

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| Yemen   | rank 14 |
| Frequency of kidnap: 0-1 / month                          |         |
| Total number taken in last reporting period: 2            |         |
| Average time in captivity: 90-120 days                    |         |
| Currently in captivity: 6                                 |         |
| Average ransom settlement: insufficient data              |         |
| <b>Comment</b>  |         |
| Three aid workers abducted<br>Insecurity likely to spread |         |

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